

# Selecting a Risk Assessor

This checklist is provided to help property owners ensure that the risk assessor they hire is trained, qualified, and capable of providing services.



## **Licensing**

Risk assessors must be properly trained and they must be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services in order to perform lead inspections and risk assessments in New Hampshire. A license alone does not ensure the quality of work. The attached list of New Hampshire certified risk assessors is provided for your convenience. You can call the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-800-897- LEAD to verify license status or to check the risk assessor's violation status.

**New Hampshire**

**Childhood Lead Poisoning**

**Prevention Program**

## **Scope of Work**

- ☐ Risk assessors can interpret results from the inspection, make recommendations, prepare lead exposure hazard reduction plans and issue certificates of lead free, lead safe, and compliance.
- ☐ In NH, testing for the presence of lead in paint can be conducted in two ways. Risk assessors can use either an x-ray fluorescence analyzer called an XRF, or they can collect paint chips to be analyzed by a laboratory.
- ☐ When speaking to a risk assessor, be sure to tell him/her if you have a property that has received an Order of Lead Hazard Reduction. If so, be sure that his/her inspection services include the following:
  - \_\_\_ the interior of the apartment unit with the order
  - \_\_\_ any common areas in the building: hallways, porches, stairways, both inside and outside
  - \_\_\_ the exterior of the building, along with other structures located on the property
  - \_\_\_ any bare soil

## **Finding the Right Risk Assessor**

**Questions to consider asking before hiring a risk assessor:**

- ☐ Which method do you use to test for lead (paint chip analysis or XRF)?
- ☐ How many jobs have you performed?
- ☐ Can you provide the name and contact information for the 3 most recent jobs completed?
- ☐ Please explain the inspection process and what it includes.

**Questions to ask prior clients:**

- ☐ Did the risk assessor complete all the agreed-upon tasks?
- ☐ Was he/she responsive by returning calls and submitting written reports in a timely manner?
- ☐ Was he/she on time and within the agreed-upon budget?
- ☐ Would you recommend this risk assessor to others?

**Consider getting at least 3 estimates before making your selection.**



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